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DECLARATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenships are as stated below next to my name.

The undersigned believes he is the original inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

High Efficiency Source Coupler For Optical Waveguide Illumination System

and having serial number 09/169,021 filed October 8, 1998.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certification having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

| Number | Country | Filed (Day/Month/Year) |
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Priority claimed _____ Yes ___ No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issuing thereon.

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